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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 29-JAN-00 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week 01/29/00	Previous Week 01/22/00
Bro-Fry	148,606	147,587
Lt Hens	2,057	2,009
Hvy Hens	1,259	1,284

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 08-JAN-00 & 15-JAN-00 (Thousand Head)

	LIGHT HENS		HEAVY HENS		TOTAL	
	01/08/00	01/15/00	01/08/00	01/15/00	01/08/00	01/15/00
Head	429	432	0	0	429	432
Last Week	242	429	0	0	242	429
Same Wk Yr Ago	479	436	0	0	479	436
To Date 2000	429	861	0	0	429	861
To Date 1999	479	915	0	0	479	915

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens		Heavy Hens		Total	
	01/08/00	01/15/00	01/08/00	01/15/00	01/08/00	01/15/00
Head	2,436	2,581	1,626	1,283	4,062	3,864
Last Week	1,838	2,436	980	1,626	2,818	4,062
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,615	2,688	1,390	1,470	4,005	4,158
To Date 1999	2,436	5,017	1,626	2,909	4,062	7,926
To Date 1998	2,615	5,303	1,390	2,860	4,005	8,163

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 22-JAN-00 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	147,873 (A)	2,030	1,229	3,259
Avg Wt	5.20	3.32	8.19	5.16
Last Week	156,486	2,149	1,283	3,432
Same Week Yr Ago	144,272	2,408	1,211	3,619
Avg Wt	5.03	3.39	7.47	4.76
To-Date/2000	459,946	6,186	4,138	10,324
To-Date/1999	455,230	6,796	4,071	10,867

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 150.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 149.7 million head or 0.9 million head less than or 99 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending January 15, 2000**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	31,065	27,611	45,924
Avg Weight	3.78	4.85	6.11
% Of Total /1	30%	26%	44%
Comparisons			
Last Week	25,525	37,437	44,153
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	6.07
% Of Total /1	24%	35%	41%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	36,315	34,358	43,813
Avg Weight	3.85	4.76	6.13
% Of Total /1	32%	30%	38%
To Date/2000	56,590	65,048	90,077
To Date/1999	66,910	68,559	90,804
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 15-Jan-2000
(Thousand Head)**

	Young	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total
Head	5,058	0	71	5,190
Avg Wt	27.51	0.00	25.07	27.25
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	3,545	2	20	3,567
Same Week Yr Ago	4,230	5	21	4,256
Avg Wt	25.25 (B)	26.20	30.71	25.28
To-Date/2000	8,603 (B)	2	91	8,757
To-Date/1999	8,805 (B)	26	33	8,864

(B) Includes 61 fryer-roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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